Young Thieves Puzzle Police Over Gem Loot

Two Boys, Two Girls Admit Theft of Jewelry, but Don't Know Where.

SALT LAKE CITY.—A police-man's lot is not a happy one in this city. Authorities are having $8,000 worth of trouble with two fast-talking youths and two girls who admit they stole quantities of jewelry but can't agree where they got it.

The four were arrested in connection with the theft of $8,000 in jewelry somewhere between Boston and Salt Lake City. The police aren't sure where. Their prisoners have told different stories.

Raymond "Bunny" Brunelle, 17; his brother, Maurice, 21; Maurice's bride of five days, Ruth, 16, and Doris Laverierre, 16, are being held on charges of grand larceny.

As They Tell It.

As far as police have been able to determine, the four left their homes near Boston six weeks ago to spend a few hours on a beach and wound up high and dry in Salt Lake City.

Here's what has happened:

They spent several days in jail at Lawrence, Kans.

Danny and Ruth, the former Ruth C. Edgerly of Dracut, Mass., got married at Reno, Nev.

Either Danny alone, or Danny and his brother, or all four of them—depending on whose story you believe—had pilfered a mound of stuff ranging from valuables to trash.

Danny admitted he had stolen some jewelry.

"But I sure didn't know it was $8,000 worth," he said.

Where did it all come from, police asked.

Why Cops Are Unhappy.

Here are the answers they got:

Danny said he took the loot from automobiles in Salt Lake City.

His wife said it was garnered from coast-to-coast. "We picked that suitcase up in Sacramento," she said, "and that in Reno, and the one over there somewhere in the Midwest."

Manny sullenly denied any connection with the loot.

His girl just wanted to get married.

Now you know why Salt Lake City's cops are unhappy.

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Uncover Japan's Diamond Cache

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WASHINGTON.—American occupation forces uncovered in Japan a hoard of hundreds of thousands of cut diamonds, probably the greatest assortment ever assembled in modern times.

Government officials said the Japanese government collected the treasure from the Japanese people as a war financing measure. Apparently the intention was to sell the gems for foreign exchange and purchase munitions and raw materials.

The gems are valued at between 20 and 25 million dollars. But gem experts with knowledge of the trade said the army undoubtedly is speaking conservatively.

"They represent the entire diamond resources of the whole nation," Edward Henderson of Smithsonian institution said. "This undoubtedly is a situation unique in history. I know of no other time when virtually every diamond owned by every individual in a nation was assembled at one place."

Held in Bank Vaults.

The gems now are in vaults of the Bank of Japan in Tokyo.

Officials here said one box of gems was located in Tokyo after a Japanese reported he knew of a place "where diamonds are scattered all over."

U. S. army intelligence then uncovered other hiding places, which yielded gallons of diamonds, often in flimsy containers such as shoe boxes.

The gems were "in a confused condition, dirty and mixed with worthless debris," the army said.

Henderson and Dr. William H. Foshag, curator of minerals at the Smithsonian, were called in Tokyo to classify and appraise the "collection."

"If they had been piled in one heap, I don't suppose you could have stretched your arms around the bottom of the pile," Henderson said.

G.I.'s Kept Bug-Eyed.

It took Henderson and Dr. Foshag, working with four Japs, five months to count and classify them.

G.I.s assigned to watch over the room where the diamonds were kept were bug-eyed when they saw the display. Later they were bored by the monotony of the count.

"If I ever marry a girl, I'll never give her a diamond," one G.I. said "I hate the sight of them."

No famous individual diamonds turned up, and apparently none from the Jap crown jewels. The three heaviest weighed a total of 106 carats. This compares favorably with 106 carats for the Kohinoor diamond of the British crown jewels.

Government officials expect the diamonds to become reparations for payment to the Allies who fought Japan.

Old Cathedral Is Falling Apart; Need Repair Funds

CHICHESTER, ENGLAND. — the lead and silver roof of old Chichester cathedral is "creeping like a caterpillar," while the death watch beetle ticks away underneath.

Lord Leconfield of Sussex has appealed for $120,000 for urgent repairs to the 850-year-old edifice.

The whole of the 200-year-old lead roof, containing much medieval silver, must be stripped off and recast. Its sloughing off has left great gaps at the top. Essential repairs also will have to be made to stone work. Better ventilation will have to be provided to retard the undermining of the beetles.

The cathedral was begun in 1088. It was ravaged by fire in 1114. In 1861 the central tower and spire collapsed, but they rose again from the ruins. Further damage came in violent gales of 1929-30.

Complete Studies That Give New Data on Sun's Rotation

MOUNT HAMILTON, CALIF.—University of California astronomers at Lick observatory here have completed studies giving them new insight on the rotation of the sun in its orbit in the Milky Way.

Dr. Nichols U. Mayall, associate astronomer, said studies of 30 globular star clusters showed that the whole system rotates slightly. The finding takes on importance when it is realized that the rotation of the sun was calculated from these clusters on the belief that they did not rotate.

However, the astronomer said the discovery does not change the estimate of speed of the sun's circular motion. Earlier calculations proved lucky, he said, and gave the correct circular velocity for the sun.

Russia Doesn't Want Safe Robbers, Either; Get Jail

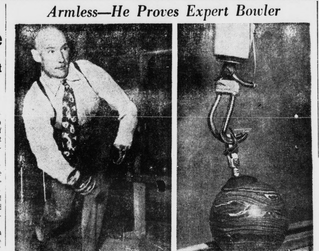
PHILADELPHIA, PA. — Joseph Falezynski, 55, and Nicholas Turchuck, 61, pleading guilty to robbing 17 safes, asked Judge Joseph Sloane to be deported to their native Russia.

"Will Russia have them?" asked Judge Sloane.

"Russia," a police witness replied, "will have no part of them."

Judge Sloane then sentenced each to prison terms of 20 to 40 years.

Armless—He Proves Expert Bowler



Harold A. Carlson, Washington, D. C., who lost both arms in his youth, has become a most amazing bowler despite his handicap. Recently he devised a suction cup which he attached to his artificial hand and rolled a 96 in duck pins—a good score for any bowler. Photo at left shows Carlson in action on the alley. Right, a closeup of the suction cup, which has a valve that releases the ball at the precise moment during the windup.



Bees Essential to Agricultural Needs

Winter Care to Save Crops for Next Year

By W. J. DRYDEN

Hundreds of hives of bees died during the past season. Many crops depend upon bees for polinization. In order to insure production during next year, it is essential that the bees be saved this winter.

Wintering of bees is not merely a matter of protecting colonies from low temperatures, feeding is essential. Starvation is the principal cause of losses throughout the country.

Bees should be prepared for winter so that they will need no attention until early spring.

While bees survive the cold of winter by clinging together in a great ball, the bees on the inside frequently change place with those on the cold outside.

In most sections of the country, bees were unable to store sufficient food to last this winter, so it becomes necessary to supplement their rations by hand feeding during the winter months. Two pounds of sugar may be secured from local ration boards during this emergency.

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U.S. Treasury Department

Phone on Infra-Red Rays Built by Navy

Reveal War Secret for Voice Over Short Range.

WASHINGTON. — A secret voice-ray telephone that works on invisible light was developed by the navy during the war, it was revealed.

Details are still shrouded by security restrictions, but an official explained that its source is infra-red rays. It has a "line-of-sight" range, the same as television.

It eliminates freak interception or interference by an enemy miles away, as was possible with ultra-high radio frequencies.

Conversations can be held between nearby ships or from ship to shore. But the official explained that the invisible rays will not penetrate fog, water or anything that stops a visible light ray.

The navy disclosed in June that it had an infra-red searchlight for blinker messages between ships, but this was the first acknowledgment that an ordinary conversation by infra-red rays was possible.

Both the Germans and the Japanese had infra-red equipment, the navy expert said, but our capture of this equipment in 1944 and 1945 did not particularly aid United States research. The line of our infra-red work was pretty well laid down by that time, he said, and our engineers went ahead with their own ideas.

The range of the infra-red telephone is limited to the horizon—about eight miles from the bridge of a destroyer. But in a land campaign, messages could be relayed from point to point over country impassable for wire-stringing crews and where radio calls might be intercepted.

The navy let production contracts for the equipment following successful tests in 1943 and 1944 but is still reluctant to discuss how far it has progressed in development, or the scope of its program.

Richwood

Richwood, Feb. 5.- The Rev. Cecil Carter and Mrs. Carter were dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Leonard Blackwell Thursday of last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Carter Martin visited his parents Sunday.

Sam Cordell and son, Russell, were in Lynchburg on business on Monday.

We are glad to report that Lloyd Lewis is better, following his recent slight illness.

Mr. and Mrs. Leonard Blackwell visited with Mrs. Blackwell's father, Wm. Fleshman, Sunday.

We are sorry to report that Mrs. James Feshman is not recovering as rapidly as was hoped for following her recent operation.

George K. (Rex) Brannan, son of G. P. Brannan, paid his father a surprise visit Friday night. Rex graduated from Roanoke Col... Friday and had to return Sa... day to secure his diploma. ... hopes to be connected with ... Standard Oil Co. and stationed ... South America.

D. A. Pugh was in Lynchb... Saturday on business.

Mr. and Mrs. T. T. Wooldr... visited with Mr. and Mrs. Em... Pugh Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Leonard Black... were in Lynchburg Monday.

Carter Martin was in Lynchb... Saturday on business.

Mr. and Mrs. Earl Williams ... childr n visited Mr. and Mrs. J... Moore Sunday.

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Stowaways Give U. S. Headache, Strikes Hurt

1,075 Aliens Caught Coming Into United States Without Papers.

NEW YORK. — Port authorities and shipping officials of the United States, hampered by recurrent shipping strikes and limited commercial sailings, are contending with the greatest stowaway problem since immigrants first began coming here.

W. J. Zucker, acting director of the Immigration and Naturalization service office in New York, said that not even before World War I, when the United States had no immigration quotas, was the stowaway problem so serious.

'Free Riders.'

From July 1, 1945, to August 30 this year, immigration officers caught 1,075 "free riding" aliens who had reached the United States from abroad without papers and without cost.

They came from nearly every country in the world, but especially from Britain, France, Italy, Spain, Cuba and the British West Indies.

Greatest number of illegal entrants came from Le Havre, France. Most of the 189 Spaniards and 60 Frenchmen apprehended during 14 months left from there.

Next major embarkation point was Naples—revealed in the apprehension of 119 Italian stowaways. Southampton, England, was third with 105 stowaways.

These immigrants-in-hiding have ranged from 6 to 60 years of age with almost 5 per cent of the total women.

Not all the "free riders" are foreigners.

Many are American citizens who have no fear of violating immigration laws. Among them are naturalized citizens who were caught in Europe when the war started.

Blame European Ports.

Others are American seamen who left their ships in European ports and could not find jobs for the voyage home.

Unsettled conditions in European ports are considered largely responsible for the stowaway increase.

Some find it easy to circumvent the sketchy guard system. Others working as longshoremen just "forget" to go ashore at sailing time.

Recently, the Queen Mary arrived from Southampton with 10 stowaways. Three came in aboard the Vulcania—after a trip on which the ship had returned to Italy to put ashore 13 others discovered aboard the first day out.

Most stowaways are returned to the country they came from. But if they repeat the performance, or if shipping companies lodge complaints against them, they may suffer penalties of $500 fines, a year in prison, or both.

Of the 1,075 stowaways caught, only 13 still are in the United States.

These few included fiancees of American war veterans, some orphan boys adopted as mascots by troops overseas and others whose well-being and care in America is assured by responsible citizens.

Others were deported after hearings before U. S. department of justice officials.

Bride Sees Mate Get Prison Sentence for Delinquency

PORTALES, N. M. — A British bride looked on in district court here as her husband, George Barrett, a 22-year-old former soldier, who saw service in France and Germany, was sentenced to 18 months in prison for contributing to juvenile delinquency.

The parents of a 15-year-old girl testified that Barrett had represented to them that he and their daughter were married and had lived together as man and wife. They also said he denied having left a bride in England.

The former Velma Waddington, who married Barrett at Blackpool, Lancastershire, January 1, 1946, arrived at Elida, N. M., to join her husband August 13, only a few days after the complaint was filed.

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From where I sit ... *by* Joe Marsh

Lem's Dogs vs Thad's Chickens

Reading a newspaper, you get to know a lot about human nature.

Thad Phipps was in the other day, all burned up. Wanted me to plan an item on how Lem Martin's dog had killed his chickens again, and ought to be put away by law.

I told him: "Lem was in on Saturday. Said you shouldn't be allowed to keep those chickens so close to his house—and in a residential zone, at that."

Thad shuts up right pronto then. And that very evening I see him making his peace with Lem at Andy Botkin's Garden Tavern—over a friendly glass of beer.

From where I sit, anyone can find something in his neighbor to complain about. (Some folks may even disagree with Thad's right to enjoy that glass of beer with Lem!) But where would we be if everybody tried to have a law passed against everything they disagreed with? We wouldn't have many neighbors left!

Joe Marsh

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Evergreen

Evergreen, Feb. 5.- Miss Gal Nell Irby celebrated her 14th birthday Friday.

Miss Lindy Warriner visited the home of Miss Gwendolyn Paulette recently.

Mr. and Mrs. Ashby Paulette called in the home of Mrs. Eddie Warriner.

Mr. and Mrs. Kurtz moved on Wednesday.

Maxwell LeGrand, of N. C. spent the week-end with his parents.

Miss Lindy Warriner will spend the week-end with Mrs. Sam White of Lynchburg.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Martin are the parents of a baby daughter.

Mr. and Mrs. David Paulette are the parents of a baby girl, Bonny Faye.

Miss "Red" Paulette spent the day recently with her sister, Mrs. Evans.

Mr. and Mrs. Junior Blackwell were supper guests of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Green Garrette Friday night.

Mr. and Mrs. Archie LeGrand are the proud parents of a little girl, Wanda Kaye.

Girl Is Burned to Death Playing in Children's Game

LOS ANGELES.—Sally Guillen, 22 months old, was burned to death "in a cruel game" played by older children to test the child's bravery, her mother said.

Sally's dress caught fire as she tried to duplicate the feats of other children by allowing lighted matches to be held against her.

She ran screaming home, where relatives beat out the flames with their hands and took her to General hospital, where she died.

Sheriff's officers began an investigation after the mother, Mrs. Catalina Guillen, said she believed her child was killed by playmates' pranks.

She said several neighborhood children between the ages of four and five had been holding lighted matches against other children to make them prove how much they could endure.

Two of her other children had shown her burn scars on their arms, she said.

Officers said they had not yet learned the names of the leaders of the game.

Stonewall

Stonewall, Feb. 3.- Well, I guess we are in for bad weather the next six weeks, as the old ground hog could surely see his shadow.

Claude Drinkard, who has been sick, is much better. He spent last week with his brothers, Albert and Frank Drinkard.

Mrs. Harman Jennings and son, Carroll are both sick at this writing. We hope for them a speedy recovery.

Mr. and Mrs. Wash Wheeler, of Rustburg spent Sunday with their daughter, Mrs. Tilden Lee and family.

Mr. and Mrs. V. R. Burnett, of Lynchburg spent the week-end with Mr. and Mrs. Rufus Burnett.

Mr. and Mrs. J. S. Caldwell, Sr. have received an announcement of their granddaughter's birth, born to Mr and Mrs. Jack Caldwell, Jr. in Petersburg, January 16.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Beard and son, Lawrence, of Appomattox, were dinner guests of her parents on last Sunday.

Mrs. C. D. Carson and Miss Verna Harding attended the demonstration club meeting at Appomattox last Wednesday, as the leaders from the Stonewall Club.

The Stonewall Demonstration Club will meet in the home of Mrs. J. Rufus Burnett February 13, at 2:00 P. M.

Mrs. Warren Roberts, of Lovingston spent the week-end with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Owen Carson.

Mr. and Mrs. Howlett Drinkard and family spent Sunday with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. D Drinkard.

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